

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2020

Welcome

Firstly, a huge thank you to you all for helping to support our school community in keeping everyone safe. Our youngest children have done really well at coming into the classrooms by themselves and the teachers have reported that they have been very settled - well done!

The Prefects had their first meeting this week with Ms Adams. They are very excited as they begin their role and have already been a great help. We are starting to create a strong student leadership team here at Rivers and soon they will be having their photos taken to be put on display in our new entrance!

Attendance

This week's attendance: 93.8%

Golden classes: Trent, Severn and Foyle

Curriculum

This week has been the first full week of 'Black History Month,' which was launched with an assembly on Monday and followed with a Votes for Schools lesson where children were encouraged to reflect on whether the current National Curriculum reflects our diverse school community.

Year Group Focus: Year 5

This week, Year 5, have been looking at the Ancient Greek empire on a timeline and recalling facts about the Gods. Science has really amazed them as they have been studying the relationship between the Sun, Earth and Moon. They have also learnt that the first black astronaut to go to space was Guion Bluford. As part of their study of Hinduism in R.E., they have explored Hindu worship, in particular Puja. Do you know the two reasons a Hindu person may greet you with water as you arrive at their house? Ask a member of our Year 5 to tell you! In French, they learned how to describe the weather. The children dressed up and played a guessing game and they could only guess in French. There were lots of laughs and lots of learning!



Musician of the Half Term

During this year, children will be exploring a range of composers from all musical genres. For this half term, Rivers' pupils will be listening to music written by the



Russian composer Tchaikovsky (Chy-Kof-Skee). His most famous ballets were written during the 19th century and you may recognise them. These were Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty and The Nutcracker Suite. Relax and take a listen to some examples!

Extra-Curricular

Next week, we will be launching the first of our after-school clubs. If you would like your child to attend, you must complete the booking form on Parent Mail.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Y5 Multi-skills 3:15-4:15 (collect from hall)	Y3 Multi-skills 3:15-4:15 (collect from hall)	Y4 Multi-skills 3:15-4:15 (collect from hall)
Y5 Homework Club 3:15-4:15 (collect from nursery door)	Y4 Homework Club 3:15-4:15 (collect from nursery door)	Y6 Homework Club 3:15-4:15 (collect from nursery door)	

Unfortunately, we will be delaying the opening of breakfast club until after half term.

Rivers Loves to Read

It has been so fantastic seeing children arriving at school clutching their planner and latest book following the launch of our new library and Accelerated Reader across KS2. We've also spotted super keen readers enjoying their library book outside at breaktime!

This week's top readers are:

Name	Words Read
Demi-Leigh T	112,794
Zianna S	75,019
Aqram LB	73,705
Jenson-James D	39,817
Max Darren H	24,874

Class Leaderboard:

Name	Words Read
Fuji	329,812

Amazon	87,192
Kuma	40,796
Clyde	24,306
Tiber	16,636
Foyle	11,692

This week children in years 4-6 have been applying for librarian roles. Look out for their book reviews and recommendations in forthcoming newsletters!

Maths - TT rockstars

Congratulations to all of the children who have earned 'Rock Star' status! This means you can recall times table facts in less than 3 seconds. Some children have also earned 'Rock Legend.' Who will be our first Rivers Primary Academy 'Rock Hero'? Keep practising every day and it could be you! Don't forget to practise the 'Times Table Fact of the Week.'

Rock Legends (less than 2 seconds):	Rock Star (less than 3 seconds):												
Kai-Rhys (Y3) Elizabeth (Y3) Maryam (Y6) Zakariya (Y2) Aqram (Y5) Nathanael (Y2) Meschach (Y5) Harry Co (Y4)	Phoebe (Y4) Amelia (Y4) Yahia (Y5) Lacey (Y4) Declan (Y5) Josh (Y6) Millie (Y4) Ollie (Y4) Layan (Y3) Usman (Y2) Jaedyn (Y6) Leena (Y6) Anayah (Y5) Macey (Y6)												
													
TIMES TABLE OF THE WEEK!													
<p><small>If you know one of these facts, what other facts can you work out?</small></p> <p>$2 \times 4 = 8$</p> <table border="1" style="margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td colspan="4" style="text-align: center;">8</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>2</td><td>2</td><td>2</td></tr> </table> <p>$8 \div 2 = ?$</p>	8				2	2	2	2	<p><small>How many ways can you represent each fact?</small></p> <p>$4 \times 2 = 8$</p> <table border="1" style="margin: 0 auto;"> <tr><td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">8</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>4</td></tr> </table> <p>$8 \div 4 = ?$</p>	8		4	4
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Dojo Points

This week, some of our amazing children have earned their bronze behaviour badges! What an amazing achievement! You will all receive your badge this week.

Severn: Amber, Leylan, Rubie Rose, Sophie

Fuji: Kai

Kuma: Alfie, Anisa, Archie, Dylan, Eloane, Fred, Jayda, Kaleb, Maciej, Marshane

Amazon: Olivia, Ruby

Who will join them next week?

Safeguarding

Recognising the signs that a child may be struggling with their mental health can be really hard. If you are worried about your child's mental health, please contact a member of our pastoral team.

There is also some excellent advice to help you support children who may be experiencing depression, anxiety, suicidal feelings or self-harm on NSPCC website. Please follow the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/>

Celebrations

Well done to our Aspire Ambassador winners for this week:

Imaginative in your thinking!

Amber L - Avon

Mesha C - Trent

Noah CS - Severn

Ellaney O - Thames

Eva P - Clyde

Jenson W - Foyle

Ella-Mae M - Hvita

Isabelle M - Tiber

Aqram L B - Fuji

Mason C - Kuma

Junaid H - Amazon

Hot Chocolate Friday winners:

Delilah L - Avon

Carter P - Trent

Esa H - Thames

Amber B - Severn

Date for your diary:

School photos: Monday 9th November

We have put measures in place to make this safe for our school community. Unfortunately, at this time we are not able to offer family or sibling photographs. This will only be for individual photos.

